

MORAL LAW ABOVE CIVIL, SAYS ELOPER

This is Excuse of 28-Year-Old Married Man, of Dover, Del., for Fleeing With Girl, 19

DEAR RUTH' LETTER TO WIFE

The moral law is above the civil law. That is the reason stated in a letter for the elopement from Dover, Del., of Roger L. Totten, twenty-eight, a married man, with a pretty nineteen-year-old school teacher.

The teacher, Miss Margaret Hill, and her sweetheart have written to Totten, begging their forgiveness and trying to explain the reason for their elopement. Totten's letter to his wife Totten, addressing her as "Dear Ruth," suggested she obtain a divorce.

The letter to Totten and Mrs. Hill was written on the stationery of a Philadelphia hotel, and for that reason the police have been requested to look for the runaway. Mr. Hill and his friends are considering prosecution of Totten under the Mann act.

A part of the letter read: "We are sure we made no mistake and that our lives were intended for one another and that a complete understanding would have any fair-minded person that the real right was for us to be together and the real wrong would be for us to remain apart."

Totten is not believed to have much money with him. He was state treasurer for the Delaware Board of Education, and just before he eloped, he went to Dover to get his salary check for the month. Before he did this, however, he took his wife with him to Milford, where she left him because of the storm, returning to Dover.

SCHOOL TAX RISE URGED

Finance Body Seeks Board's O. K. of Mill and Half Boast

When the School Board meets Monday it will be asked to approve a public school tax of nine and a half mills, an increase of a mill and a half over the rate for the present year.

DELAY BERGDOLL EVICTION

To Investigate Alleged Illness of Slacker's Grandmother Now

Investigation is being made into the truthfulness of the assertion of Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the slacker, that she cannot leave the Bergdolls "casualty" at Fifty-second street and Wynnedfield avenue, because her mother is ill.

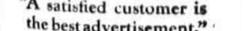
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Veteran a Suicide



DAVID GUNNING Former Philadelphia and overseas veteran, who killed himself at Red Bank, N. J. A war injury is supposed to have caused temporary insanity

CAMDEN MAN IS SHOT BY TWO HIGHWAYMEN

Bullet Drops on Hospital Room Floor When Shirt is Removed

John Bravner, 354 Line streets, Camden, was shot and perhaps fatally injured when he resisted two Negro bandits who held him up within a few yards of his home last night.

The sound of the footsteps of an approaching pedestrian could be heard. He reached in his pocket for his gun, meanwhile kicking both men in the shins. The Negro with the gun fired. Bravner got his gun out, but his aim was unsteady and his shots went wild of the fleeing men. They both escaped.

AUTOISTS DRUNK, CHARGED

Two Accused Motorists Are Held in Heavy Bail

Philip Moore, of 2328 North Opal street, who was arrested at Broad street and Fairmount avenue early today by Patrolmen Jackson and Lowry, charged with driving an auto while drunk, and under \$1000 bail for the Grand Jury by Magistrate Meekery.

It was testified that Moore fought savagely when four patrolmen tried to put him in a City Hall cell. He was finally locked up, but was not in repentant mood when arraigned.

Bridge Plans Explained

The plans for the Delaware River Bridge were scientifically explained by Ralph Modjeski, chairman of the Board of Engineers of the Bridge Commission, at a meeting of the Philadelphia section of the American Institute of Civil Engineers, which took place last night at the Engineers' Club, 1317 Spruce street.

RUM BOTTLE DEFIES WIND AND WAVES FOR TEN YEARS

Tossed Into English Channel by Man Now Dead, It Is Given to Son by Finder, Still Intact

Novelists have often enriched their heroes or told the tale of a sea disaster by a bottle washed ashore containing a message of hidden gold, or the story of death on the waves. And hereby hangs the tale of a bottle washed ashore that can do no more than remind one of the pleasure that once was man's.

Ten years ago, July 19, Richard Binder, whose barber shop was a Philadelphia institution, was crossing the English Channel.

That was in the days when a bottle of Scotch was not a thing to be concealed and tucked away in the bottom most recessed of one's kit bag.

Mr. Binder had just such a bottle from which the last drop had gone. He took a couple of his personal cards and on the back of one wrote the date, "7-19-1911," and on the back of the other "Bishop's Rock, English Channel," which the ship was just passing. He put the two cards in the bottle, drove to the cork, and bung it overboard.

Mr. Binder returned to Philadelphia, a year later he died.

Recently his son, Richard Binder, Jr., of 5116 Regent street, received a letter from Lewis W. Lord, of Haver-

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CROWDS IN COURT HISS 'BLUEBEARD'

Angry Witnesses Voice Hate of Landru in Trial at Versailles

ACCUSED REMAINS CALM

Paris, Nov. 8.—France has turned its attention to Versailles and to the green baize tables, not of the council chambers, but of the Assizes, where Henri Desire Landru, accused of crimes of almost incredible character and number, faces his judges.

The sensation as the red-robed Court summoned Landru was surprised when, after a parley between the prosecution and defense, the accused spoke.

There was something like charm about his well-modulated voice and his decent demeanor, but the angry witnesses, who saw him only as a man who had robbed the women he had murdered, his well-shined bald head indicated any strength to defend it from the knife of the guillotine.

Throughout the hours of long accusation on twenty-six charges, including seven murders, "Bluebeard" whom the police declared had had relations with 283 women, seemed unmoved, although the clerk read with a dramatic effort which was directed pointedly at the accused, who was occupying himself with documents and notes.

The high tension of the unfriendly audience increased as the reading progressed—a book dropped, brought people nervously to their feet—excepting the silent criminal, sitting at the desk between his guards, to cry out or in some way attempt to halt the accumulating charges.

POISONED WELL KILLS FOUR

Fifth Member of South Carolina Family Critically Ill

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 8.—(By A. P.)—The death last night of Mrs. J. A. Lee, wife of a Barnwell County, South Carolina, planter, was the fourth in the family within the last week as a result of an alleged poisoned well on the farm. Mr. Lee was reported in a critical condition today.

Three daughters of the Lees, the oldest of whom was six, died last Tuesday, a few hours after drinking water from the well. The children were Mary, Velma and Emma, aged six, four and two, respectively. The well had been used by the family for years.

Woman Claims Sister's Body

Atlantic City, Nov. 8.—A sister today claimed the body of Mrs. Melissa Thomas, fifty years old, who died yesterday from grief over the death of her daughter, Lettie M. Thomas, who committed suicide six months ago. The daughter ended her life by taking poison. The body will be shipped to Pittsburg this afternoon.

How Did She Vote?



JESSIE L. COLLETT Only woman candidate for any of the "How" offices who is the Democratic nominee for City Treasurer. It took her only a few seconds to mark her ballot

GIRL WITNESS EXONERATED

Hotel Chambermaid Held Guiltless of Impropriety in Arbuclie Case

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—(By A. P.)—Miss Kate Brennan, a witness for the prosecution in the case of Roscoe Arbuclie, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe, was exonerated of any impropriety by the County Grand Jury last night.

The Grand Jury said attorneys for both sides had not exceeded their rights nor violated any legal ethics in questioning Miss Brennan, a chambermaid at the St. Francis Hotel, where Arbuclie, it is charged, injured Miss Rappe fatally.

DIAZ LEAVES FOR NEW YORK

Makes Plea for Peace as He Starts for Brief Rest

General Diaz, idol of Italy, left Philadelphia at 12:10 o'clock this morning for New York, whence he will go to Newport for two days' rest.

The last function the general attended in this city was the banquet given in his honor last night at the Bellevue-Stratford by Italians of the city. The message of General Diaz at the dinner to Philadelphia and America was "No more wars must arise. Labor must develop itself. Men must progress."

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DECEPTION IS DISCOVERED

Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Nov. 8.—Harry W. Haley, a British war veteran, was released from prison here yesterday. To pay a debt of the battlefield he took the name and identity of his "buddy," who saved him from death, but his sacrifice has been in vain.

The story begins during the World War. Haley, a bachelor, had a buddy in the British army—Thomas G. Jones, an American, married and the father of a child. They lived the life of the trench and went into battle inseparable.

One day Haley fell, a German bullet through his leg, but Jones would not abandon his comrade. Dragging him inch by inch as shell and shrapnel burst about him, he found a dugout. Then he stayed until the fall of night. Then as the battle still raged, Jones carried Haley on his back to a first-line trench and safety.

When America entered the war and Jones was transferred to Pershing's forces after the armistice was signed both Haley and Jones came home—Jones still in the service, Haley a civilian again. Haley went to Canada. Jones had still time to serve and was stationed at Fort Slocum, N. Y., but his family needed his financial aid and Jones deserted and crossed the border into Canada.

There he met his comrade of overseas—the man whose life he had saved—and told him his history. Haley said, "I am single and free. I'll go back to the States as Jones. If he gets me, it's all right. I'll be Jones."

Jones protested. "It's the best I could do for the Buddy who saved my life," Haley insisted, and, overcoming all objections, took Jones' papers and assuming him name came to the border.

"I'm Tom Jones," Haley told border officials. "I'm a deserter from the army."

They searched him and found papers belonging to Jones. He was arrested, court-martialed at Fort Slocum and sentenced to the disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth. Haley never protested. Then on September 20, somebody discovered the deception.

Haley was accused, but denied the charge. But finger prints proved that he was serving by proxy for Jones, and the War Department at Washington ordered his release. He was sent away penniless, without the usual railroad fare and small compensation given prisoners.

Now the Government, unable to appreciate Haley's sacrifice, has determined to have Jones arrested. He will have to serve six months' sentence which his buddy had nearly completed.

"He saved my life. I did very little," Haley said yesterday, when his release order came from Washington. "I am willing to serve his full term. It is nothing to me and it will save my buddy. I hope they never find him."

ORNITHOLOGISTS CONVENE

Thirty-ninth Stated Meeting of Union in Session Here

The thirty-ninth stated meeting of the Ornithologists' Union opened today in the Academy of Natural Sciences, and will continue through Thursday.

Speakers this morning included W. H. Ogden, of Chicago; J. Fletcher Street, of Beverly, N. J.; P. J. Pen-nock, of Kennett Square; Miss M. W. Daley, of Sleighton Farm; George H. Stuart, 3d, Harry C. Oberholzer and Charles W. Richmond, of Washington.

\$892,000 FOR Y. M. H. A.

Jewish Community Drive Set Only \$750,000 as Goal

Philadelphia's Jewish community center is assured through contributions totaling \$892,000 received during the shortened campaign of a week when it was discovered the drive for \$750,000 would be over-subscribed.

Members of the Campaign Committee held their last dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford last night. Amid the enthusiasm for the project into which the city's leading Jewish citizens threw their best efforts and amid expressions of appreciation to each other and to all that made the drive a success, it ended, and in its place was a resolve to make this community center worthy of the inspiration and work which made it possible.



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